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# Land Use Working Committee

#### **Minutes**

Wednesday, June 18, 2014 9:00 a.m.

DuPage County Conference Room 233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800 Chicago, Illinois

Members Present: Ed Paesel (Chair), Judy Beck, Robert Cole, Lisa DiChiera, Steve Lazzara

(on behalf of Curt Paddock), Mark MuenzerBrittany Albrecht Sloan (for

Eric Waggoner), Heather Tabbert, Jane Turley, Todd Vanadilok,

Nathaniel Werner, Adrienne Wuellner, Angela Zubko.

Members Absent: Kristi DeLaurentiis, Sheena Frève, Dave Galowich (Vice-Chair), John

Norquist, Arnold Randall, Dennis Sandquist, Heather Smith, Mark

VanKerkhoff, Nancy Williamson, Ruth Wuorenma.

Staff Present: Stephen Ostrander (committee liaison), Bob Dean, Jesse Elam, Doug

Ferguson, Akshali Gandhi, Simone Weil, Andrew Williams-Clark.

Others Present: Elaine Bottomley (Will County), Mike Klemens (Will County

Governmental League), Ryan Richter (Metra), Francesca Sallinger (Center for Neighborhood Technology), Jonathan Stytz (Will County),

Mike Walczak (Northwest Council of Mayors).

## 1.0 Call to Order

Ed Paesel called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

## 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

## 3.0 Approval of the Meeting Notes – May 21, 2014

A motion to approve the minutes of May 21, 2014, was made by Jane Turley and seconded by Adrienne Wuellner. All in favor, the motion carried.

## **4.0** Legislative Update – Simone Weil, CMAP

Simone provided a brief update of legislation CMAP had been following, and answered questions from committee members. The relevant State Legislative Update document (June 4, 2014) is available here.

## 5.0 GO TO 2040 Update – Drew Williams-Clark, CMAP

As required under MAP-21, staff has been in the process of updating the GO TO 2040 plan since the summer of 2013. Staff prepared a draft plan update consisting of a summary document and a series of appendices that describe each of the key elements of the project in technical detail. As discussed at previous meetings, none of the plan's recommendations have been revised. Staff anticipated release of the draft for public comment on June 13. Outreach meetings have been scheduled across the region through the end of the public comment period on August 1. Staff anticipate adoption of the final plan update at the October meetings of the Board and MPO Policy Committee. Drew detailed the current phase of the update and took questions and initial feedback from committee members.

One committee member asked about population estimates, noting that the regional total was lowered while Chicago is now expected to increase by about 500,000. Drew explained the basic reason for the change, but said that he can talk more about it with committee members next month.

# **6.0 LTA Program Evaluation, Part 1: Program Statistics and External Surveys** – Bob Dean, CMAP

CMAP Staff will be working with the working committees and other partners in an evaluation of the first three years of the LTA program, with the intent of using the results to focus future resources most effectively. Bob began this discussion with a review of the basic program statistics and results of external surveys by project sponsors.

One committee member asked Bob whether this evaluation includes RTA Community Planning projects, to which Bob responded no, just CMAP projects. This committee member then asked whether CMAP is actively approaching communities that have completed comprehensive plans (especially through the assistance of the LTA program). Bob responded that CMAP's zoning projects are typically with communities for whom the agency has developed comprehensive plans; CMAP often specifies the need to update their zoning, but CMAP doesn't indicate that the community should work with the agency to achieve this.

One committee member asked whether some communities choose not to adopt a plan created through the LTA program, to which Bob answered this has happened only once.

Another committee member with experience working with the LTA program noted that he experienced great follow through by CMAP staff, and noted that his role was to make sure that elected officials were on board with the plan.

One committee member asked about communities that are unclear about what they should do. Bob answered that CMAP has found that several communities first need an LTA "planning priorities report" to help them fully assess their options and priorities.

A committee member said that his experience was that the tough challenge is communities that have no resources. He had wondered about grouping, for example, three communities together and having a "traveling planner" to provide staff level support to these municipalities.

Another committee member suggested that it would be helpful for CMAP to provide an estimated number of staff hours that would help make it clear the expectations for municipal staff in terms of time commitment and responsibilities.

A committee member referenced the I-294/I-57 leading to a new shopping center in Markham. He also asked about CMAP's approach to funding the LTA program now that HUD funding has ended. Bob answered that CMAP is using a mix, the majority of which is UWP. But overall this requires CMAP to demonstrate that LTA projects address transportation concerns.

Ed Paesel asked Heather Tabbert whether she could make a similar presentation about the RTA's Community Planning program; Heather responded that the RTA has yet done this kind of analysis, but a presentation at a later date is possible.

## 7.0 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program – Jesse Elam, CMAP

The Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) program is a federal transportation funding source that CMAP programs through a competitive regional process. Staff is undertaking a review of the evaluation and ranking process used in the program and is seeking working committee feedback. Staff will give a PowerPoint presentation and then lead a conversation about the management of the program.

One committee member said that he hoped that regional priorities would be guiding funding decisions, saying that we should be asking how CMAQ is actually supporting regional priorities.

One member asked whether CMAQ supports Phase I engineering, to which Jesse answered no. Another member commented that by not supporting Phase I, it can deny low resource communities what they need to get started. Jesse mentioned CMAP's recent TIGER application to help provide support for Phase I engineering.

A member noted that there was discussion about eliminating private sector eligibility, to which Jesse responded that this wasn't being planned in large part because there wouldn't be enough public sector projects if that policy was implemented.

### 8.0 Other Business

Ed Paesel and Stephen Ostrander ended the meeting by asking committee members if they wanted to plan on a field trip, probably to learn on-site about planning for the Forest Preserve of Cook County, in lieu of the committee's regular meeting. Members answered in the affirmative. Ed noted that the committee may include a brief meeting to cover essential business.

### 9.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

### 10.0 Next Meeting

The committee was scheduled to meet next on July 16, 2014.

## 11.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee Liaison

July 11, 2014